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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage; and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes.

Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises.

Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands.

Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed.

Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies.

Jams, Jellies, and Pickles.

Candles: best brands.

Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes.

Vestas, by approved makers.

Salt: table, fine, and coarse.

Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanias, and Elemes.

Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene.

Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes.

Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandy: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case.

Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case.

Rum: Lemon Hart's.

Port: Fine old Oflay's, six grape.

Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond.

Gin: JOKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell.

Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's.

Claret: St. Julien's.

Mpselle: No. 2.

Hock: Gold Leaf.

Ginger Wine, in bulk and case.

Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.

Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial.

Cordials: assorted.

Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's.

Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's.

IRONMONGERY

Blasting powder, and fuse.

Gunpowder, caps, and shot.

Long and short handled shovels.

Spades, sluic forks.

Picks, and pickhandles.

Gold dishes, hose-pipes.

Drills and drilling hammers.

Manilla and flax ropes.

White-lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils.

Galvanised and corrugated iron.

Stoves and piping.

Billies and pannikins.

Tea-kettles, iron and tin.

Galvanised iron buckets and tubs.

Iron boilers.

Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans.

Axes and axe-handles.

Nails, cut and wrought.

Tacks, clout and American cut.

Garden rakes, hoes, and spades.

Cutlery: a large assortment.

Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac.

Boys' do.

Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin.

Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed.

Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's wool, merino, and cotton.

Hosiery and hats.

Dress materials: wineys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints.

Flannels: Calicos, bleached and unbleached.

Blankets, rugs, quilts.

Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.

Cocoa and felt matting.

Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets.

Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, halt-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot.

Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete.

Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket.

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description.

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerscham and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butal Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND

General Storekeepers

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL.

Having most complete arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINE, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND

FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The 'Stock' comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Cromwell Advertisements

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

HAVE ON HAND

THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY

WINE, SPIRITS

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

W. TALBOYS'

REDUCED PRICE LIST OF

SUMMER DRAPERY, CLOTHING &C

Hollands, 8d, 9d, 10d

Satin Cloths, new shades, 1s 6d.

French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s

All Wool Plaids, 2s 11d

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s

Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s (the Dress)

Black and Colored Lustres, 11d and 1s 3d

Costume Cloths, 11d, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Horricks' Calico, 5s 9d per doz

Unbleached Calico, 5s 9d per doz

Real Welsh Flannel, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Colored Flannels in Twill and Plain

White Blankets, 13s 6d per pair

Colored Blankets, 14s—large stock

Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d

Turkish Towels, 12s per doz

Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Carpets and Matting, from 1s 4d

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing in Colonial and English Tweeds and makes

Men's Suits, 37s 6d, 40s and 45s; Pagets, 50s

Trowsers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d and 25s

Trowsers, Tweed, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, and 15s

White and Colored Moles, three crown, 9s

Coats, splendid stock new goods, from 17s 6d

Beaver Jackets, 16s 6d

Knit Drawers, 5s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d

Serge Drawers, 7s 6d; Cotton, 3s

Shirts, job lot, at 4s 6d; Crimean, 5s to 10s

Flannels, large sizes, 5s 6d, 6s 6d and 7s 6d

Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d

Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d

Men's White Embroidered Shirts

Gent's Scarfs in great variety

Large stock Felt Hats, 4s, 5s and 6s 6d

Bed Rugs, large size, 12s 6d

A Large and Varied Stock of New Goods in Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Gloves, Scarfs, Lace Sets, Hosiery, Ribbons and Trimmings.

TALBOYS' CHEAP GROCERY QUOTATIONS

New Season Tea, (Boxes of 12lb), 23s

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Muscatele, 1s 2d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb

Elemes, 7d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 12s per box

Three-crown Soap, 14s per box

Dates, 10d per lb

Condensed milk, 1s

Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.

Lobsters, 11d per tin

Salmon, 11d per tin

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Oysters, 8d per tin

Tainah's Jams, 11d per tin

Figs, 1s per box

Preserved Fruits, 2s

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Candles 11d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL

Cromwell



The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the combined Goldfields Districts of Dunstan and Wakatipu during the month of December, 1880:—

Monday, 6th—Queenstown
Tuesday, 7th—Arrowtown
Friday, 10th—Cromwell
Thursday, 16th—Roxburgh
Monday, 20th—Queenstown
Tuesday, 21st—Arrowtown

NOTE.—The Christmas and New Year's Holidays will continue from the 22nd of December, 1880 to 6th January, 1881, during which period all mining privileges will be considered protected.

JACKSON KEDDELL,
R.M. and Warden.
Cromwell, December 1, 1880.

MR SPENCE H. TURTON
BARRISTER,
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER
CROMWELL
(TWO DOORS BELOW GOODGER'S HOTEL).

Mr TURTON will visit Alexandra and Blacks every Court day, and Clyde when professionally required.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.
K. PRETSCHE,
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.
Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.
Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

E. MURRELL,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,
Has just received, per English Mail, another consignment of SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES direct from the Manufacturer in London. As these Watches are made to his own order, bear his name, and specially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.
E.M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.
A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.
INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—
E. MURRELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL.

KAWARAU COAL PIT,
BANNOCKBURN.

JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised as the best yet vended in the district. It burns freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at

Cromwell ... 24s per ton.
Bannockburn ... 20s do.
At Pit's mouth ... 12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.

JOHN PRYDE,
Proprietor.

COAL! COAL! COAL!!!
BEST QUALITY IN DISTRICT.

EDWARD M'NULTY, JUNR.,
Having opened the Coal-pit known as M'Laughlin's, and placed same in thorough working order, is prepared to sell this Superior Coal—which burns brightly in stove or grate—at the following prices:—

At Pit's mouth ... 12s per Ton.
Delivered in Cromwell ... 24s per Ton.
Delivered at Bannockburn 20s per Ton.
16 Bags to the Ton!

EDWARD M'NULTY,
Proprietor.

Cromwell

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER, Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY
RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

WANTED—KNOWN.
The SCHOONER NUN having undergone a THOROUGH REPAIRING, the Owner will place her on easy service with Runholders and Butchers, who may have fat stock to send to market.

All orders for Black Pine and Totaro Posts and Rails will receive immediate attention.
Always on hand a large stock of Firewood.

WANAKA SAW-MILLS.
RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills in complete working order with the best appliances obtainable and are prepared to supply Manufactured Timber of every description; Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,
WANAKA SAW MILLS.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General
BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,
Bega to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to QUARTZVILLE, where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

CROMWELL
VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST, &c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.
Light shoes ... 10s.
Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,
Having removed to the premises recently occupied by R. Wishart (adjoining Bank of New Zealand), begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.
Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—
MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL,
Adjoining the Bank of New Zealand.

Miscellaneous

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Bega to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR, PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.
R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

NOTICE.
POISON is laid on Morven Hills Station for the Destruction of Rabbits.
Persons removing stock from the run will be prosecuted.
October 11, 1880.

A. M'PHAIL,
Manager.

NOTICE.
On and after this date, POISON will be LAID for DOGS and RABBITS on Mount Pisa and Queensberry Runs.

H. F. WILLMOTT,
Manager.

Mount Pisa Station, April 2, 1880.

NOTICE.
A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

IRON PIPING! IRON PIPING!!
CANVAS AND WOODEN FLUMING SUPERSEDED!

GEORGE PRESCOTT,
ST. BATHANS.

Bega to intimate to Proprietors and Mine Managers that he is now Manufacturing
IRON PIPING
(SUITABLE FOR SLICING AND OTHER PURPOSES)
At a cost which will compare favorably with Dunedin prices, while his practical knowledge of Miners' requirements enables him to furnish a more suitable article than that imported.

Pipes made any length convenient for packing, and sent to any part of the country according to agreement.

G. P. would wish to draw the attention of Proprietors and Managers of Hydraulic-worked Mines to the utility and economy of the WATER DIRECTOR with the Ball and Socket Joint, which can be attached to the Iron Piping, thus altogether dispensing with canvas hose; and, with full pressure on, a child of ten years can move it any direction.

Note the Address—

GEORGE PRESCOTT
ST. BATHANS.

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

The undersigned have FOR SALE Vegetable, Flower, and Agricultural Seeds:—

White Clover
Red Clover
Alsike
Cow Grass
Timothy, &c., &c.,
Rape Seed, and Mangold
Turnip Seed, imported and colonial grown.

DON'T USE DIRTY SEED!

We have, at considerable expense, imported a SEED CLEANING MACHINE, and farmers can have machine cleaned grass seed.

SHEEP NETS, WOOLPACKS, AND CORNSACKS.

400galls. Iron Tanks; Rock Salt; Bluestone; Fencing Wires, No. 6 to 10, cheaper than ever; Cambridge Rollers; Fanners; Cahoon's Hand Broadcast Sowing Machines; Mitchell's Grain and Grass Sowing Machines, for sowing turnipseed broadcast—it is acknowledged that an immense saving can be made by using them.

W. G. Murray and Co.'s Double Furrow Ploughs—cheap. Only two to sell—price, £7 10s each.

We are Agents for Nicholson's Reaper, and have some extras on hand.
We are Agents for N. Forsythe and Co.'s Rope. Supplies on hand.

NIMMO AND BLAIR,
CUSTOMS & GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.
PRINCES-STREET, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Miscellaneous

P. BUTEL & CO'S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN.

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

CRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

R. AND A. J. PARK,
SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,
SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,
HIGHESTREET, DUNEDIN.

Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every description.

E. LYONS
(Late J. B. L. LUKS),
COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

NOBEL'S PATENT DYNAMITE.
DALGETY AND CO.,

Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners and others, to the great strength of Dynamite, compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent.
Nitro Glycerine, 93.36
No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent
Lithofracteur of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracteur, viz:—

Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb
5 " 2s 6d
10 " 2s 3d

Delivery to be taken from Magazines.

DALGETY AND CO.,
Bond-street, Dunedin.

N.B.—Supplies may be obtained from

D. A. JOLLY & CO., Cromwell.
W. JENKINS, Arrowtown.

THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRACTEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,

Having accepted the above Company's Agency for New Zealand, direct the attention of Railway and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarrymen to the enormous advantages derived from the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs' Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported Dynamite, while the present price renders it cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.
5 " 2s 6d
10 " 2s 3d

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND IRON MERCHANTS,
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing at Dunedin between the undersigned in the business of Engineers and Iron Founders, under the firm of "Kincaid, M'Queen and Co.," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued under the same style by the undersigned CHARLES M'QUEEN, who will discharge all the liabilities of the firm, and receive all moneys due.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1880.

JAMES KINCAID
CHARLES M'QUEEN.

Witness:
ROBERT DICK, Solicitor, Dunedin.

With reference to the above, I beg to thank the numerous customers of the Firm for the liberal support that has been accorded during the past 18 years, and to express a hope that I shall retain the confidence that has been bestowed hitherto.

CHARLES M'QUEEN.

Hotels

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
BANNOCKBURN.

GEORGE MANSON PROPRIETOR.

Having leased the above hotel from Mr. Peake, the undersigned has completely renovated the premises, and effected such improvements as were necessary for the entire comfort and convenience of the public, rendering the house one of the best in the district.

THE PUBLIC HALL.

Attached to the Hotel has also been fitted up for meetings, entertainments, &c.

Alcock's prize Billiard Table and commodious room, supplied with every requirement.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of best brands and brew.
GEORGE MANSON,
Proprietor.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of **STONE STABLES** is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the **LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.**

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

VICTORIA HOTEL
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	6s
Single Feed	2s
Meals and Bed, each	2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s
Board only	20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Hotels

JOHN MARSH,

BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

GLOBE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

(Junction of Melmore and Erris-streets).

D. MURLEY PROPRIETOR.

D. Murley has pleasure in intimating to his friends and the public generally that he has fitted up the Globe Hotel with every convenience and comfort, without regard to expense; and can confidently assure those who favor the house with their patronage that no effort will be spared to meet their wants.

Travellers will find the Globe a most comfortable home, with ample accommodation.

The Stabling is commodious, and the greatest care and attention will be bestowed on travellers' horses.

The Proprietor intends to make a speciality of his stock of Wines, Spirits and Beers—none but the best brands of which will be kept on the premises.

MOUNT PISA HOTEL,
WANAKA ROAD.

T. H. BYRON Proprietor.

The above Hotel affords ample accommodation for travellers, and the Stabling is carefully attended to.

Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Beer.

BALLARAT HOTEL,
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING
Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

HAWEA HOTEL,
HAWEA FLAT.

C. G. HARVEY Proprietor.

Above Hotel is situate within easy distance of the beautiful Lake Hawea, and will be found convenient as a place of call for the travelling public.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of the Best Brands.

The Stabling is good, and travellers are assured their horses will receive every care.

PANAMA HOTEL AND STORE,
RICHARD CAYFORD Proprietor.

R. CAYFORD begs to intimate that he has opened an Hotel and Provision Store on the new diggings at Long Valley, and solicits the patronage of the public.

Good Accommodation for travellers.

None but Liquors of the Best Brands kept.

Cromwell



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

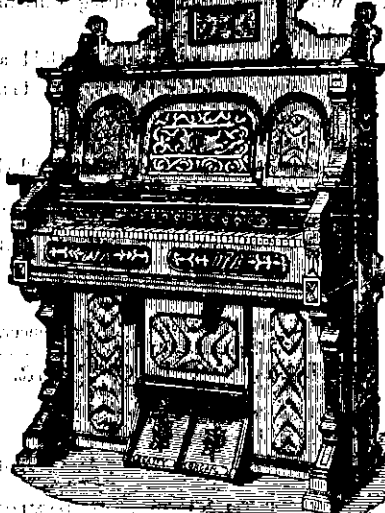
In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.

BEATTY

A 13 Stop Organ ONLY \$97 15 DAY TEST TRIAL



BEATTY ORGAN Style No. 2100.

A beautiful Celtic style of architecture in this case strikes the eye of the connoisseur, and stamps it as one of the most beautiful cases extant. Dimensions: Height, 74 in.; Width, 48 in.; Depth, 24 in. 8 Sets of Reeds. 5 Octaves. 13 Stops. French Veneered Panelled Cases highly finished. Beatty's Improved Knee Swell, and Beatty's new Excelsior Grand Organ Knee Swell. The mechanism, design, and music in this Organ renders it the most desirable ever before manufactured for the parlor or drawing-room. Retail price asked for such an instrument by Agents, three years ago about \$370.00. Now only \$97. Pay for the instrument only after you have fully tested it at your own home. It is not as represented, return at my expense, I paying freight both ways. Remember, this offer is at the very lowest figure, and that positive will not be made from this price. Fully warranted for 4 years. Every Organ sold, with others. The most successful House in America. More unsolicited testimonials than any manufacturer. I have extended my sales now over the entire world. The best of whom whose testimonials I have received. Since my recent return from an extended tour through the Continent of Europe, I am more determined than ever that no city or town throughout the entire civilized world shall be unrepresented by my celebrated instruments.

BEATTY PIANO \$125, \$135, and upwards. Beatty's Patent Having recently been ELECTED MAYOR of my own city, should be sufficient proof of my responsibility. Illustrated Newspaper giving information about cost of Pianos and Organs sent free. Address: **DANIEL E. BEATTY,** Washington, New Jersey.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

TO THE PUBLIC OF CROMWELL AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

MICHAEL DALEY,
BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,

Begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and Surrounding Districts that he has PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE of the late W. Taylor, and hopes for a continuance of the same liberal patronage enjoyed by the late firm.

All Orders and Repairs carefully and punctually attended to.

Note the Address—

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL
(Opposite Talboys' London House, Drapery Establishment).

MEDICAL HALL DISPENSARY,
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

HENRY HOTOP,

Having purchased the Business lately conducted by Mr. Max. Gall, begs to inform the residents of Cromwell, Clyde and the surrounding districts that he is now the only Dispensing Chemist in Vincent County, and that, to meet the requirements of his business, he has supplied himself with a Large Stock of

DRUGS, CHEMICALS & PATENT MEDICINES
Of every description.

In connection with the above, H. Hotop has also a most varied and choice Stock of

FANCY GOODS, PERFUMERY, SOAPS, COSMETICS, SCENTS,
&c., &c., &c.

That will well repay a visit of inspection.

STATIONERY & BOOKS.

Ledgers, Journals, Day and Minute Books, Writing Paper and Envelopes of all classes.

GENERAL NEWS AGENCY.

English, European and American Newspapers and Journals supplied to Subscribers at low rates, and sent post free all over the country.

TOBACCOS & CIGARS
(Choicest Brands).

N.B.—As the business will be conducted under the immediate supervision of Mr. H. Hotop, all those who may favor him with their command may rely on every attention being paid them. Prescriptions most carefully dispensed.

Orders received from the Clyde portion of the district will be promptly attended to.

HENRY HOTOP,
Cromwell

J. SOLOMON

IS NOW DISPLAYING HIS

NEW STOCK

OF

SPRING & SUMMER

DRAPERY, CLOTHING AND BOOTS.

Personally selected by himself in Dunedin, and purchased a bargain, for Cash. Consequently he is in a position to Sell Cheaper than any other house in Cromwell.

HE MEANS SELLING CHEAPER THAN EVER THIS SEASON!

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT

Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats
Ladies' and Children's Jackets
Ladies' Fichus and Capes
Ladies' and Maids' Print Wrappers
Ladies' Underclothing
Collars and Cuffs
Pompadour Scarfs
Muslin Frillings
Lace Sets
Ribbons
Gloves

And the finest Assortment of

LADIES' COSTUMES
(ALL COLORS)

That ever came into Cromwell!

A VERY LARGE VARIETY OF
PRINTS, MUSLINS
AND
DRESS MATERIAL

Suitable for the Summer Season.

AN IMMENSE VARIETY OF

NEW GOODS,
SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON!!

LARGE STOCK OF

MEN'S YOUTHS' & BOYS' CLOTHING,
Flannels, Pants, Half-hose, Hats, Ties, Scarfs, &c., &c.

The Largest and Best-assorted

STOCK OF BOOTS

In the district. For Ladies', Gentlemen's, Youths, Maids' and Children's, and for price.

J. S. DEFIES COMPETITION!

SADDLES BRIDLES
SADDLE STRAPS MARTINGALES
WHIPS SPURS VALISES.

FANCY GOODS
PATENT MEDICINES
BOOKS—LARGE ASSORTMENT
AND JEWELRY.

J. S. has the name for selling Cheaper than any Storekeeper in the district. He trusts the Public will favor him with a call, and prove the fact.

DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS:

J. SOLOMON,
OPPOSITE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

LOOK OUT!

FOR

O. CUMMINS.

He will visit the Surrounding Districts regularly with a first-class assorted Stock of Drapery, Clothing, Boots, Fancy Goods, &c., and his instructions are to Sell Cheap. J.S. trusts the public will give him a share of their patronage.

AGENT FOR

ARNOLD R. KELSEY & CO.

Importers of every description of **MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS** Dunedin.

Large stock of Music always on hand.

Pianofortes and Harmoniums sold on TIME PAYMENTS.

COUNTIES GAZETTE.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

TENDERS will be received at the County Office, Clyde, up till Noon of WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst. for the Erection of a TAIL-ROPE for the Lowburn Punt, and supply of all Material, with the exception of the Wire-rope, which will be delivered on the ground by the County Council.

Specifications may be seen at the County Office, Clyde and Cromwell.

Tenders to be addressed to the "County Engineer," and marked outside "Tender for Erection of Tail-rope, Lowburn Punt."

Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

L. D. MACGEORGE,
County Engineer.
County Office,
Clyde, December 9th, 1880.

V. R.

N O T I C E.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ACTS, 1879-80.

It is HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Assessment ROLLS of Real and Personal Property for the Otago Property Assessment District are now completed, and that copies of such ROLLS are now lying at the Property Tax Office, Dunedin.

All objections to any assessment must be sent, in the prescribed form, to the Deputy-Commissioner of the District, on or before the third day of January, 1881.

Forms of objection may be obtained at any Post Office.

R. B. MARTIN,
Deputy Commissioner.
Property Tax Office,
Dunedin, 11th December, 1880.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In terms of Clause 27 of "The Banks and Bankers Act, 1880," it is hereby notified that MONDAY, the 27th day of December instant, has been appointed a Special Bank Holiday, to be observed at the undermentioned Banks:

For the Bank of New South Wales—J. R. HILL, Inspector.

For the Colonial Bank of New Zealand—GEO. COWIE, General Manager.

For the Bank of New Zealand—JOHN MURRAY, Inspector.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In terms of Clause 27 of "The Banks and Bankers Act, 1880," it is hereby notified that MONDAY, the 3rd day of January, 1881, has been appointed a Special Bank Holiday, to be observed at the undermentioned Banks:

For the Bank of New South Wales—J. R. HILL, Inspector.

For the Colonial Bank of New Zealand—GEO. COWIE, General Manager.

For the Bank of New Zealand—JOHN MURRAY, Inspector.

CROMWELL POUND.

IMPOUNDED by John Smith for trespass on Mount Pisa Station, a Grey Cob HORSE, branded KH off shoulder, for which the sum of 2s is claimed for driving expenses.

If not released, the above will be Sold to defray expenses at the Cromwell Pound on December 28th, 1880, at 12 o'clock noon.

ANGUS JAS. ROBERTSON,
Poundkeeper.

OTAGO GOLDFIELDS.

Application for an Agricultural Lease.

District of Otago Goldfields,
December 21, 1880.

To the Warden at Arrowtown:

I hereby apply for a lease of land for agricultural purposes situate at my homestead, east side of Cardrona Creek, opposite Branch Creek, and comprising 50 acres, or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Leases Regulations made under Section 66 of "The Mines Act, 1877."

WALTER LITTLE,
Cardrona Creek.

By his authorised agent, George A. Barker.

NOTICE.

The above application will be heard at Arrowtown on the 18th day of January, 1881.

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Warden.

CHRISTMAS WEEK!

JEWELRY!

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CHARLES COLCLOUGH will sell by auction, during Christmas Week, at Cromwell Hotel,

A Splendid Assortment of Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Lockets and other Fancy Articles

Also,
A consignment of very handsome Clocks.

For Cheapness and Excellence of Quality these goods surpass any stocks hitherto offered in the district.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

At 2 p.m.

At Kawarau Suspension Bridge, Arrow Bluffs.

IMPORTANT TO MINING COMPANIES,
BUILDERS & OTHERS.

Contractors' Plant and Tools.

PRESTON & COPE have been instructed by Mr John McCormick to sell by public auction on the ground, at 2 p.m., on Friday, 31st December,

All of his unused Plant, Material and Tools, comprising

Coil 3in Steel Wire-rope, 5cwt Manilla Rope (2 and 3 inches), 3 Iron Tramway Trucks (capacity 1 cubic yard each), 3-ton Crane, powerful Janker, 2 Tip Drays, 3 Draught Horses, Platform Scales, 300ft of 1 and 1½ inch Iron Piping, 2 Barrels Coal Tar, Blacksmith's Kit complete, 6 Barrels Portland Cement, Quantity of Lime, ½ and ¾-inch Chain, Wheelbarrows, Lot of Galvanised Iron, Octagon Steel, Steel Hammers, Picks, Shovels, &c., &c.; also,
A large quantity of Building Timber and Timber for many purposes, Blue Gum, &c., &c.

Remember! At Two o'clock,

Friday, 31st December.

PRESTON & COPE,
Auctioneers.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1881.

At 2 o'clock, sharp.

IMPORTANT AND POSITIVE SALE

Valuable Freehold Properties

IN THE TOWN OF CROMWELL.

RARE CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT!

CHARLES COLCLOUGH has been instructed by Mr H. Arndt to sell by public auction on above date, at the Town Hall, Cromwell, the undernoted

FREEHOLD PROPERTIES:

Sections 13, 16, and 17, Block I, Cromwell, having frontage to Melmore and Murray streets, together with

capacious Store and Dwelling at present in occupation of Mr Solomon

Sections 11, 12, and 13, Block XLIII.

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9, Block XLIV.

Section 14, Block LI.

Sections 11 and 12, Block LIII.

Sections 13 and 14, Block LXXXVII.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 14, Block XLV.

TERMS MOST LIBERAL.

For the Melmore-street property—which is especially worthy of attention—the terms will be one-third cash, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years from date of purchase.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY

ON EXCEPTIONALLY EASY TERMS,

SEVENTY HEAD

QUIET MIXED CATTLE,

Including
20 Fat Bullocks
40 Steers and Heifers (mixed)
10 Superior Dairy Cows

As the vendor is going out of Cattle altogether, no reasonable offer will be refused from a person who will purchase the lot. Further particulars, apply to

OWEN O'NEILL,
Bannockburn.

WANTED, — A good GENERAL SERVANT. — Apply at COLONIAL BANK, Cromwell.

WANTED, — BOARD with a Private Family in Cromwell, for a Lad aged 16. Address, E.S., Argus Office.

N O T I C E.

ALL ACCOUNTS due to the undersigned must be paid or satisfactorily arranged for before the 1st January, 1881, otherwise they will, without fail, be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

W. BENNETT.
November 8, 1880.

T O L E T.

A WATER RACE, with Right to Six Sluiceways, commanding large extent of auriferous ground — terms easy.

Apply to
JOHN TOWAN.

F O R S A L E — C H E A P.

A Four-Roomed COTTAGE, near Bailey's Gully, Bannockburn, with large Fruit Garden; suitable for small farm or dairy purposes.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Cromwell.

N O T I C E.

BANNOCKBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A MEETING of Subscribers to the above Institution will be held on THURSDAY, 23rd December, in the Library, Bannockburn at 7 p.m.

Business: To pay up subscriptions.
By order.

CHARLES KOCH,
Hon. Secretary.

T O L E T.

A good Six-Roomed HOUSE, with detached Kitchen; Garden and every convenience. Opposite the Church of England, Cromwell, and now in occupation of Mr. Thos. Wright.

Possession will be given on the first of January.

For particulars, apply to
D. McPHERSON,

Lowburn Ferry,
Or, JAS. MARSHALL,
Agent, Cromwell.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR

EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Councillor for BRIDGE WARD will take place at the Council Chambers, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of December.

Dated at Cromwell this 21st day of December, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

A T H E N E U M H A L L.

THREE NIGHTS ONLY!

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY.

December 27, 28 and 29.

FISHER AND NYE'S

BURLESQUE & PANTOMIMIC

COMPANY.

New and Beautiful Scenery, painted expressly for the Company by Mr Briggs, Scenic Artist, Theatre Royal, Christchurch. No expense has been spared to make this Entertainment the best that has travelled the Goldfields.

PROGRAMME, FIRST NIGHT:

The Entertainment will Commence with the Sparkling Comedy in two acts, entitled

NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS.

To be followed by Byron's celebrated Burlesque,

THE BRIDE OF ABYDOS,

OR, THE PIRATES OF THE EAST.

To conclude with a

GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME!

Clown ... Mr F. W. Fisher
Pantaloone ... Mr W. E. Jerrames
Harlequin ... Mr J. A. Hooper
Columbines ... Miss Jennie Nye
Policeman ... Miss Beattie Vivian
Mr Duval

Grand Transformation Scene.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME EACH EVENING!

To avoid a crush at night, purchase your tickets during the day. — Doors open at 7.30; Commence at 8 sharp.

PICNIC AND CONCERT.

The Annual Picnic and Concert in connection with the Bannockburn Sunday School will be held near Doctor's Flat, on

THURSDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

CONCERT AND BALL

AT ALBERT TOWN.

In addition to the Concert and Ball in aid of the "Cromwell Hospital," to be held at Mrs Norman's on December 23rd, will be given a

A Maori War Dance!!!
By REAL LIVE MAORIS.

Admission: Single, 2s 6d; Double 4s.

OPENING OF NEW

CO-OPERATIVE STORE,
BANNOCKBURN.

A FREE SUPPER & BALL

Will be given by Geo. Manson,
CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th INST.,
In honor of the above event.

EVERYBODY INVITED! EVERYBODY WELCOME

GIFT AUCTION

IN AID OF
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMWELL.

The above will be held in the

ATHENÆUM HALL
On
THURSDAY EVENING,
30th December.

Mr Colclough has kindly promised to conduct the sale.

Contributions will be received by the Ladies of the Committee, Messrs Sherwood and Wright, and the undersigned.

It is requested that contributions be forwarded as early as practicable.

W. T. TALBOYS,
Hon. Secretary.

N O T I C E.

The Sports advertised to be held at Quartzville on December 27 WILL NOT TAKE PLACE on that date. The Bannockburn Sports being advertised for the same day, the two would necessarily clash, and spoil both. It has been resolved by the Sports Committee to hold the Quartzville meeting on St. Patrick's Day, of which due notice will be given.

JAMES LAWRENCE,
For Sports Committee.

SPORTS! SPORTS! SPORTS!!!

To be held

AT BANNOCKBURN
(Near C. Angel's Reefer's Arms),
ON MONDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 27.

COMMITTEE:

Messrs J. Smith, W. Griffiths, D. Stewart,
O. Davies and J. Pryde.

Programme:

QUOIT MATCH (15yds)—1st, 20s

FLAT RACE, 100yds—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

VAULTING—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

STANDING JUMP—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

MARRIED WOMEN'S RACE—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

THREE-LEGGED RACE—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

QUOIT MATCH (18yds)—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

SINGLE WOMEN'S RACE—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

SACK RACE—1st, 15s; 2nd, 7s 6d

HOP-STEP-AND-JUMP—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

FLAT RACE (Handicap), 150 yards—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s

CHILDREN'S RACE (under age 12 years)—1st, 7s 6d; 2nd, 5s; 3rd, 2s 6d

All disputes that may arise to be decided by the Committee, and their decision to be final.

SPORTS TO COMMENCE AT 1 O'CLOCK, SHARP.

A DANCE IN THE EVENING.

A. AITKEN,
Hon. Secretary.

MILLS, DICK AND CO'S

ALMANAC, 1881.

REPLETE WITH INFORMATION

FOR
FARMERS, MERCHANTS, LAWYERS,
DOCTORS, & EVERYBODY!

Sold by all Booksellers.

Price ... 1s 6d.

CROMWELL RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION PARADE will be held on NEW YEAR'S DAY, at 2 p.m.

Each member desirous of having new uniform will be required to pay deposit of £1 to the Secretary to this parade.

Firing for Prizes at the Cromwell Butts to commence at 8.30 a.m. sharp. Entries to be lodged with the Secretary.

S. N. BROWN, T.M.
Captain Commanding.

HOGMANAY NIGHT!
THE OLD YEAR OUT.

THE NEW YEAR IN!

CHARLES ANGEL,

BANNOCKBURN,

Invites his Friends to a DANCE on the Night of FRIDAY, 31st instant, in celebration of above event.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

LOYAL CROMWELL LODGE,
M. U. I. O. O. F.

A SUMMONED MEETING will be held on FRIDAY Evening, 24th inst., at 7.30.

Business: Election of Officers, &c.

Lecture Meeting at 7.

CHAS. RAY,

Secretary.

A.O.F.
COURT ROYAL OAK OF KAWARAU, No. 4929.

A SUMMONED MEETING of the above Court will be held on WEDNESDAY, 22nd December, in the Schoolhouse, Bannockburn.

Business: Quarterly Night; Election of Officers.

By order.

CHARLES KOCH,

Secretary.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ANNUAL PIONIO

Will be held at the

CROMWELL RACECOURSE

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Children will assemble at the Athenæum Hall at 11 o'clock a.m., and conveyances will leave sharp from that time.

Children from surrounding districts will please be at the grounds by 1 o'clock.

The Cromwell Volunteer BRASS BAND will be in attendance.

N.B.—Don't forget to bring your own mugs.

NOTICE.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

28th and 29th, Instant.

Will be observed as PARTIAL HOLIDAYS by the Local Banks.

NOTICE.

The Argus will next week be published on THURSDAY EVENING, instead of as usual on Tuesday. Advertisers are requested to take note of this.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The next outward Frisco mail will close here at Noon on Thursday, December 30.

Money orders and registered letters half an hour earlier.

JAS. WYLIE, Acting-postmaster.

Cromwell Argus,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1880.

FURTHER on in the present week Christmas-tide will be upon us, meeting us with open arms to greet us with a welcome, and bringing with it all the usual scenes of merriment peculiar to the season. No holiday festivity is so widely observed, so generally popular, and none can advance such claims to the regard of universal man as Christmas-tide. The anniversary of the Birth in Bethlehem is an outstanding event—it is unlike and overtops all other events that have happened or ever

can happen in the past or future; it stands along the journey-of-life-like milestones on public roads, teaching homilies on the past and holding out prospects and possibilities for the future. We can settle without the aid of arithmetic how many nativities we have passed from the starting-point to the present, and therefore how far we have come on the old beaten path of life. But where is the prophet that can give us any definite hint of our future destination—that can tell us with any degree of certainty "how long"? As far as our lifetime is in our own hands the possession is very imperfect. We have it, but are always losing it. At the first we receive it under the fatal condition of losing it every moment, and yet with these marked and manifest uncertainties many of our associates can see in the coming season nothing more and nothing nobler than a call to idleness, eating, drinking and reckless dissipation. Happily others rise to the level of this grand commemorative event. They see in Christmas day a meaning deep and far-reaching that they can see in no other day in the Christian calendar. But to the heedless as well as to the sober-minded class Christmas is a welcome day, and as long as man's nature is what it is, it will remain so. The day itself will vindicate its right to mirth and the many-colored joys that have attended its past history, and will go on to work its progress to the end.

Since last we celebrated the festive season some of our associates, both youthful and staid, have passed away from our mirthful gatherings. They have gone to swell the majority. Others the year closing in upon us has invalidated. But even the aged, the sick and the needy will be able to wring from Fate some of the good cheer that the season brings with it. If the current week came in with tears and mourning to any of our friends, may it go out with joy and gladness. Let all young hearts especially dance with mirth, all young hands clap a hearty welcome to the day of days, and when it comes may it lighten the load of care and brighten the declining years of age. Let us go where angels and shepherds went eighteen hundred and eighty years ago and there bury and forget all our envies, jealousies and stormful passions, our wrath and hard words, and then stand on the grave long enough to prevent a resurrection. The Advent was meant as a token of reconciliation and goodwill not only between man and his Maker but between man and man, and therefore the coming Christmas day should not find us and leave us with oldstanding ill-will and estrangements. Let each and all then by kindly words and bright and sunny looks and a tender and generous bearing in all our relations and surroundings, try to make the coming Christmas holiday worthy of the day, and worthy of Him who stamped it with His own presence.

Messrs C. Colclough, S. N. Brown, D. MacKellar, D. A. Jolly, and C. E. Gudgeon have been gazetted trustees of the Cromwell cemetery.

It is scarcely necessary to remind owners that Friday evening next is the night of general entry for the Cromwell annual race meeting. Balance of sweep in the Derby must also be made good on that date.

The trial of the Maori, Tuhi, for the murder of Miss Dobie was concluded on Wednesday last. Accused was found guilty and sentenced to death. The Court was crowded throughout, and great interest was manifested in the result.

It is notified elsewhere that the ARGUS will next week be published on Thursday evening instead of on Tuesday. The chief object of this alteration is to enable us to give report of the race meeting and other events of the season, which, in the usual course, would appear a week after they had transpired.

The programme of sports to take place at Mr Angel's Bannockburn, is published in another column. We believe that the intention to have sports at Quartzville has been changed, and St. Patrick's Day selected for a Caledonian gathering at that place. This decision is a wise one, as it would have been detrimental to the success of both meetings had they clashed.

We learn that the new bridge over the Kawarau on the Cromwell-Queenstown road has been taken over from the contractor, Mr John M'Cormick, and is now open free for traffic. The bridge will be formally opened by the Chairman of Lake County, Mr F. H. Daniel on Thursday next. It is intended to make the occasion one worthy of the important work now happily completed, and we understand that invitations to take part in the ceremony will issue to members of Vincent County Council and the Cromwell Borough Council, as well as to other influential residents.

It has been decided that the children's picnic shall take place on New Year's Day. The racecourse has been fixed upon for the gathering, as affording good accommodation and being central to all parts of the district. Messrs Preshaw, Wright, and Arnold have been appointed a committee of management, and they are just the right sort of men to see that the business is properly carried out. It should be known that this annual treat is got up for all children throughout the district, and not, as some appear to suppose, for a particular section only.

Mr Hotop has kindly handed us a copy of "The New Zealand Illustrated Annual," a Christchurch publication edited by Mr M. Mosley. It contains a number of short but interesting stories suitable to the season, and a contribution from the pen of Mr T. Bracken in the shape of a poetic Maori legend, the conception of which is very good. Mr Pyke also tells a story, "Under the Wattle," which, to our mind, is a vast improvement on his "White Hood." The annual is well got up, clearly printed, and carefully edited, and deserves to have a wide sale. It can be had from Mr Hotop for two shillings, and is well worth the money.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN.

This Day, 10.45 a.m.

The Rotomahana arrived from Melbourne yesterday bringing many Exhibition visitors. Mr Larnach is a candidate for the directorship of the Colonial Bank in place of Mr Strode, resigned.

The Dunedin criminal sessions of Supreme Court begin on January 5th.

Most of the unemployed will be discharged this week. A few will be kept to finish the Pine Hill road to Blueskin.

The cricket match Australians v. Canterbury is fixed for the end of January. Canterbury will probably play 15 men.

The Rev. J. U. Davis resigns the ministry of the Baptist Church on account of ill health.

At the inquest on Luke, the man who was killed while blasting on the Wingatui section of the Central Railway on Friday, a verdict of accidental death was returned. The Chinaman, who went to the hospital, is now out of danger.

In the R.M. Court yesterday Shaw sued White, a farmer, for £100, loss sustained by bullocks dying after eating chaff got from defendant and containing pieces of wire, the grain having been reaped by a wire-binder. Wire was found in the stomachs of two dead bullocks. The case was adjourned for further evidence.

It is generally regarded as certain that the law will be allowed to take its course in the case of the murderer of Miss Dobie.

There is no ground for the rumor of unpleasantness between the Ministry and Sir Arthur Gordon through the latter's title of High Commissioner of Polynesia preceding that of Governor of New Zealand—it is authoritatively contradicted.

The Auckland Stud Co. has received intelligence that Sir Hercules Robinson has bought seven choice mares in England from Lord Falmouth's stud; five are in foal to crack sires.

Mrs Sampson, from England, opened an Evangelistic mission at Auckland on Sunday. Hundreds were unable to obtain admission.

The racehorse Sinking Fund has been shot.

The Supreme Court at Invercargill began its session yesterday. The cases are of no importance, except one in which a medical man is charged with manslaughter; it begins to-day.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

There are 49 acceptances for the Champion race.

In an action brought to recover £65 due in a Melbourne company's sweep, Judge Cope held the action was not maintainable.

News from the Temora diggings is still encouraging, nuggets are being found in considerable numbers, and the washdirt is good.

In a trial shipment of oranges sent from South Australia to London, per Garonne, out of 643 cases shipped 580 arrived in good condition. They were declared delicious, and arrived when oranges were quite unobtainable in London.

The editor of the Brisbane Punch was horse-whipped by Swanwick, barrister and member of Assembly, on account of illusing his wife.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, December 20.

Obituary: Duchess of Westminster, and Frank Buckland the well-known scientist.

The Viceroy of Ireland has prohibited meetings being held in Queen's County, and despatched troops there in order to preserve peace.

The following items have been published in Melbourne papers:—

It is now stated that the marriage of Baroness Burdett-Coutts with Mr Ashmead Bartlett has been abandoned.

Large importations of arms to Ireland continue to be made. One Dublin dealer admits selling 200 revolvers this week.

An Irishman has been murdered at Birmingham for announcing his secession from the Irish Land League. The murderer escaped.

The southern counties of Ireland are in a condition of incipient rebellion. Outrages are of frequent occurrence, notwithstanding the strong force of police and military now stationed in the disturbed districts.

During the past week continuous attempts have been made to wreck the police barracks at Castle Gregory, a small town in the County of Kerry. Owing to the vigilance of the police these attempts were frustrated, but a very uneasy feeling exists.

Boyd, the well-known English oarsman, has challenged Hanlan for the championship. The contest takes place after the forthcoming match with Laycock, who is now a great favorite with English rowing men since his victory in the Hop Bitters regatta.

INTERCOLONIAL.

SYDNEY, December 20.

From information to hand, it is stated that a rich leader has been struck on the Temora goldfield.

LATEST.

4.53 p.m.

A report has just come in to town that a Miss Wilson has been drowned at the Ocean Beach baths to-day. Kingston, the proprietor of the baths, went in to rescue her, but was brought out insensible.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Notwithstanding the brief time allowed for getting up the entertainment to raise funds for the children's picnic—a period of barely ten days—the concert of Friday night will stand out as one of the most complete and successful that has been presented to the people of this district. Not within our recollection has a programme been gone through so smoothly on the part of the performers and afforded such a degree of thorough enjoyment to the audience. There was a marked evidence of system in the whole affair that reflected credit on Mr MacKellar, who acted as conductor, and, so to speak, "master of ceremonies" generally. The ladies and gentlemen who figured in the programme entered into the parts allotted them with *verve*, and the spirit communicated itself to the audience, who gave evidence of hearty enjoyment from start to finish. While a number of old faces with new songs met the company, two new stars in our local musical firmament made their appearance, namely, Mrs Ross and Mr Turton. Of Mrs Ross we spoke in chronicling a recent social meeting at Bannockburn, and then expressed the hope to hear her soon in our capacious Athenæum Hall. Nor were our expectations of a treat disappointed. In the song "Caller On" it is no exaggeration to say that Mrs Ross took the house by storm by her splendid rendition. Every note was clear as a bell, as the saying is, and the articulation perfect. So also in the beautiful piece "Josephine," which was sung with great taste and feeling. In the second part, "The Flowers of the Forest" was decidedly a gem, and the audience showed their appreciation of Mrs Ross' talents by long and loud applause. The district has reason to be proud in the acquisition of a lady possessing the high musical abilities of Mrs Ross. Mrs Corse again appeared before the public after a lengthened absence. This lady has lost none of her pleasant qualities as a vocalist, and her singing of "Who's that tapping at the garden gate" was received with much favor. The popular favorite, Miss Tippett, was in fine voice and showed a good deal of improvement since she last sang in public. "Waiting at the gate" was marred by slight nervousness, but this was fully compensated for by the tasteful expression imparted to the piece, "She sang among the flowers." Too much credit can not be given the three ladies named for the admirable manner in which they contributed to the evening's enjoyment. Miss Murrell presided at the pianoforte during the evening, and largely contributed to the pleasure. The audience accorded this lady special applause for her valuable aid. Of the gentlemen, it need only be said they each and all acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of the audience. Mr Turton has a powerful and pleasing tenor voice, but he is evidently a martyr to nervousness—a weakness he should try to shake off, and which time will probably cure. "The minute gun at sea," by Messrs M'Gregor and Aitken was, to our mind, as good as anything on the programme, and merited the applause accorded these gentlemen. Mr J. Adams' fine baritone was heard to advantage in "A Warrior Bold," and in the second part he displayed good comic powers in a new piece from the London music halls. In this line too Mr J. H. Stephens highly amused the audience, his make-up and imitation of an old man being excellent. Mr Arnold contributed the recitation "Virginia" in fine style, and met with a most generous reception. A Cromwell entertainment would not be complete without the presence of Mr Robert Brown—a gentleman always to the front with his valuable services when any local object is to be benefitted. On this occasion he convulsed the house by a "Lecture on Temperance," which was given in a style that not many professionals could excel. His get-up in darkie costume was inimitable and the "lecture" really a treat. At the close of the concert Mr MacKellar announced that the takings amounted to £18. The sum would have been much larger no doubt but for the day having been dull and threatening, with occasional showers, keeping back people from a distance.

The programme was concluded with the farce "The Man in Possession," which was played throughout with great animation. Messrs R. Brown, Adams, Jolly and Wylie represented the male characters, and Miss E. Marsh (a young lady for whose good offices in the past the thanks of the public are due) represented the lady of the piece in very good style. As with the concert, so this part went well, and sent the audience to their homes in the greatest good humor. Two or three hours' dancing was afterwards indulged in by the young folks. The Volunteer Band, under Director Whetter, gave several fine selections during the evening.

The Cromwell public school was closed for the holidays on 10th inst. On breaking up, the Chairman, Mr J. A. Preshaw, made his annual presentation of books to the scholars whose attendance had been the most regular during the year, and such has been the good effect of the prize offered that no less than seven this year were found to have not missed a single day, while many others had been absent only a day or two through illness. We do not say that the prizes have been the sole cause of the regular attendance, as most parents no doubt see that their children attend regularly except they are prevented by sickness; but it has been an incentive to the children themselves to rival one another to obtain the coveted prize. The prize-takers were—Marion, Elizabeth, and Jean MacKellar, Blanche and Alice Luscombe, Alfred Scott, and William Jolly.

MATE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

On the day appointed by law for the installation of Mayor, Wednesday, 15th inst., at noon, only the Mayor-elect and Crs MacKellar, Behrens, and Brown put in an appearance. After waiting half-an-hour, an adjournment was made till 7.30 p.m. the same evening.

At the evening sitting there were present the Mayor-elect (Mr Colclough) and Crs Olds, Behrens, Pretsch, MacKellar, and Murrell.

Mr Colclough, having made the usual declaration, took his seat as Mayor for the current year. In doing so he addressed a few remarks to the Council, thanking members for the courtesy with which he had been treated during his previous terms of office, and trusted that the same good feeling would continue to manifest itself.

The application of the Corporation dayman for an increase of wages—held over from previous ordinary meeting—was then considered. On motion by Cr Behrens, seconded by Cr Pretsch, it was resolved to allow an advance of 10s per week, the increase to take place from 1st January, 1881.

On the motion of Cr Pretsch, seconded by Cr Olds, Mr James Marshall was appointed Borough valuer for the current year at a remuneration of £7 10s.

In accordance with previous notice Cr MacKellar brought forward the question of payment for services of returning officer. He was of opinion that it was extravagant to pay two guineas for an uncontested election—such payment should only be made in the case of an election which required the presence of the returning officer throughout an entire day. He moved that the returning officer be paid two guineas for every contested election—Seconded by Cr Pretsch.

An amendment was moved by Cr Murrell, seconded by Cr Olds, that the words "and 10s for every uncontested election" be added to the motion.

On a division there voted—For the motion, Crs MacKellar and Pretsch; for the amendment, Crs Murrell, Olds, and Behrens. The amendment was therefore carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed with the usual vote to the Mayor.

THE COMING RACES.

[BY ROBERT THE DEVIL.]

In local sporting circles there is at present a good deal of animation anent the forthcoming races, and a bit of money is likely to change hands during the coming week. The entries as published indicate a highly successful meeting, and that the events on the card will be well filled up. The Cromwell Races are evidently regaining somewhat of their ancient prestige and have assumed the place of honor as the premier meeting of the interior. And now a word on the events. The weights for the Grand Stand and Flying caused some flutter, but it was very noticeable that the handicappers had been wise in their appointment from the fact that even the most knowing ones professed inability to "spot the winner." As a result wagering is not extravagant, and layers of odds don't open their mouths very wide.

The Derby is the favorite medium of speculation. Each candidate has supporters, but one or two stand out prominently. Of these Spectator takes the lead, chiefly on account of his performances at the spring meetings, and, fit and well, I don't see anything to lay over him. The bolter Investment has some friends, and should this erratic son of Haruhs first meet the judge's eye a pot of money will go, as many lines at 10 and 8 to 1 have been booked about him. Stewart's pair are not to be despised, and I hear they are working well. A "dark un" is Keenan's Cassivillaunus colt, and it is just possible he may upset some calculations. I don't think I shall be far out in placing the winner in the five mentioned, with Spectator and Tui for choice.

In the Grand Stand there is plenty of pick and choice, but I can't see anything better in it than Nabochlish. If in condition at all, the weight should not stop him, and he should show the field the way. Haricot is somewhat under a cloud just now—feet gone crooked, or something—otherwise it would prove a strong tussle between the two greys.

Playboy is my fancy for the Flying. He is an active goer, and the distance suits him. Still Frances has proved herself a strong goer for three-quarters, and when it is all over she won't be far behind. But as I said before, in the handicaps great judgment has been displayed, and it would take a clever one to give the straight tip. If it is thought worth anything, I give my opinion thus:—

Derby Spectator—Tui.
Grand Stand Nabochlish—Unknown.
Flying Playboy—Frances.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Sure Relief. —The Weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials resulting from thoroughly assimilated food—wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 17.

We are approaching the holidays, and things are becoming brisk, especially in the amusement line. This week has seen the opera open, and although the first performance (the English "Martha") was not AI, yet the second ("Lucrezia Borgia") was really first-class. Amongst the singers beside the Simonsen family is Mr Riccardi, whose First Lord in Pinafore is the colonial standard of the part. They intend to produce "Pinafore" during their season, and will probably run it against the circus. This is looked forward to with some interest, as there are great reports about it; and some half-dozen or more advance agents have been here already billing the town and otherwise heralding the appearance of "the biggest show on earth." But we have heard that story before, and intend to hold over opinions until we see it.

Ketten, the great pianist, did not draw at all. Heaven only knows why. He was the grandest musical artist ever we have had here, by a long way. I am not a musician at all, and can't appreciate high-class piano business—at least I never could until I heard Ketten. "Moonlight sonatas," "concert-sticks," "spinnlieders" and all the rest of them were thrown away on me. Sauret, who came with Urso, wearied me; Madame Tasca, ditto; Charbonnet and Dubois, ditto. If any one had told me I could have listened to a piano being strummed on for two hours at a stretch I would have laughed at them; but I not only listened to Ketten, but came away wishing there had been more of him. He was simply a miracle, that was all.

The facts brought out at the inquest on the tramway fire bore out what I wrote last week. The two men who were in the place got confused over their stories as to what occurred, and some rather amusing inconsistencies were observable. The two were at variance about whether they had tea that morning, and one of them when cross-questioned about it spun the extraordinary yarn that not having any tea he warmed the water and drank it. As one of the jurors remarked, the taste for beverages was an extraordinary one in this individual. If both men had come forward and said they had been asleep, one would have been more inclined to credit them.

A very nasty article was published in the *Herald* over this fire, the argument being that after all Mr Proudfoot was not to be pitied, as he would get rid of a lot of useless plant, and really make money out of the concern. The fact of the inconvenience to the public was looked over in order to have a fling at Mr Proudfoot, who is a red rag to the *Herald* people. The argument, however, was quite ridiculous, for only three engines were at all useless plant. The others worked admirably, two of them drawing three and four cars, while horses only draw one. To say that the burning of these would be a gain to Mr Proudfoot was a statement that could only proceed from a jaundiced mind. It might just as well be argued that the destruction of the *Herald* office, with that also of the editor and all concerned in it, would be a paying thing for the shareholders, because they would be able to get new hands and start a more agreeable paper.

The same *Herald* has been making itself very obnoxious of late, and very universally it is spoken of as having made some big mistakes. These presumably arise from the want of experience and wisdom on the part of the literary management. Apparently anybody who sends a letter conveying insinuations of little jobs on the part of public men can make sure of its insertion; for the editor's creed appears to be that anything in that line (no matter whether well-grounded or not) is relished by the public. This is of course a vast mistake. What the public do like is fair, hard hitting—the G. M. Reed style of journalism; but petty nagging and nasty little hints do not go down. Not only are these allowed in letters in the *Herald*, but the articles are very often of the same type; and there have been any number of threats about pulling editorial noses in consequence. I am not given to prophesying, but, under its present management, I don't give the *Herald* a long lease of life.

The schools are all in the breaking-up process, and the youngsters are being packed off for six weeks' holidays. The Rev. Dr Stuart is in his element—here, there, and everywhere, giving the scholars good advice in a homely, genial fashion, and getting all the proceedings through with spirit and life. He is the pride of Dunedin, and there is not a man, woman, or child in it (except that wretched being J. G. S. Grant) who don't revere him. He was away on a holiday a short time ago, and although Professor Salmond himself was in the pulpit the attendance fell off nearly a third.

Vincent Pyke and Thorpe Talbot have been writing a Christmas book, but it has not provoked the admiration of the literary cognoscenti. Thorpe Talbot is understood to be Madame Josephine, who advertises herself as a "Forteller of the Future." How came the immaculate Vincent in such company? It is a queer partnership. The book has sold wonderfully well, but it is hinted for this reason:—In some way it got blurted about that Thorpe Talbot's story was the relation of an adventure with a certain colonial judge, who bears a reputation for gallantry, and with whom the authoress is believed to be acquainted. Spicy particulars were anticipated, and so the book was eagerly sought after. The buyers are greatly disappointed, for only a very slight reference is made to the legal gentleman.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 20.

During the past week we have had a visit of Mr Henry Ketten, but our curiosity had to be satisfied with a look at the genius, for I believe he is not to be heard except on one of his Pleyel's grand. Mr Ketten accompanied by Mrs Ketten were on a holiday visit to the Lakes, and appeared to enjoy much the freedom and rustic simplicity of primitive colonial society and life. The contrast between London circles—in which our visitors moved until recently—and Arrowtown must have been both amusing and instructive.

The Kawarau bridge is a bridge at last. On Friday last Mr Fulton, C. E., in company with Mr F. H. Daniel inspected the bridge and passed it. The Kawarau bridge and the supplementary ones on the same line of road are now open to public traffic, and the district is independent of that precarious crossing at Morven Ferry. The event of the completion of the bridge will be made the occasion of public festivities, which are fixed for Thursday next; and it is expected that your County, which is also deeply interested, will put in a numerous appearance on the festive day.

I notice that three first prizes for the three most meritorious branches of female education awarded by the Dunedin Convent school have been secured by two young ladies from Arrowtown, who attend the school. Between them they secured first prize in the first class in English, first prize in conduct, and first prize in domestic duties, as well as many certificates in other branches of education.

The *Wakatip Mail*, which, with its Arrow prototype, forms the scum and rubbish of New Zealand journalism, has again been displaying its unenviable forte. In its report of the recent prize-firing for the district cup, the *Mail* gives currency to certain reports, which, if they really had existence at the time they were penned, out of consideration for the Queenstownites generally, and the Queenstown Volunteers in particular would have been far better suppressed, as such reports can only reflect odium upon those with whom they originate. The reports referred to question the fairness of the scoring by the Arrow Volunteers during the recent match for the cup. Any way this matter of the *Mail*'s may be looked upon, it is highly discreditable to the place where it originates, and the divisions of the corps in other parts of the district had better have an eye in the future on men who do not hesitate to impute foul play to their brothers in arms.

Original Correspondence.

THE ALEXANDRA BRIDGE.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—I observe that a correspondent signing himself "Ratepayer" has thought fit on two occasions lately to criticise the works now in progress at the Alexandra bridge, and his statements generally are so much at variance with the truth that I feel they must not be allowed to pass unnoticed, otherwise they may create a false impression upon the mind of those persons who have not had an opportunity of inspecting the works for themselves.

It is true that the driving of the piles has turned out to be more difficult than was anticipated, but that does not affect in the least the purpose for which they are required, which purpose "Ratepayer" has overlooked, or more probably, cannot understand. The object aimed at is not so much to make a firm foundation for the heavy mass of masonry built upon them, as to place that foundation at a sufficient depth below the sloping beach of gravel without going to the greater expense of building solid from the required level. The making a firm foundation is in this instance of secondary importance, but is not overlooked altogether, and when I state that the weight to be supported is about 2900 tons, I think, Sir, that you will agree with me that every precaution should be taken to ensure the stability of the structure. With reference to another portion of the work "Ratepayer" goes on to say "stone approaches on the west side of Alexandra bridge would not have cost above half the price of the present suspension."

This statement I most emphatically deny, and "Ratepayer" can have had but very little experience in such works if he imagines this to be the case. The present opening of 72ft will cost £730; to substitute stone retaining walls with earth backing (which I presume is what is meant by stone approaches) would require at the very lowest calculation a sum of £1100, leaving a balance in favor of the present system of £370. In the other and smaller opening there is the same proportion in the cost of the two systems. Apart from the questions of cost however there is a very good reason why these openings should be left, the neglect to notice which at once proves to my mind that "Ratepayer" knows nothing whatever of the subject he appears to be so anxious to enlighten the public upon. The reason is this—the openings are required for the passage of flood water. If they were closed the waterway would be contracted during flood time, from 450 to 340 feet, and the scour would be increased to such an extent that the foundations of the pier and abutments on the other side of the river would be endangered, as well as the township itself. No person with any pretensions to a knowledge of bridge building, and of the place in question, would entertain for a moment the idea of filling up these places. Again "Ratepayer" states that the bridge

with approaches will cost the County nearly £25,000 before it is finished. This also is contrary to the truth. I can safely say that the cost of the whole will not exceed £18,000.

In conclusion allow me to inform "Ratepayer" if he is not already aware of the fact, that the bridge was designed in conjunction with an engineer of good standing in Dunedin, and that the condemnation of one who is evidently a tyro in these matters is not likely to have much weight as against the opinions of two men who have had special training, and experience to guide them in designing and carrying out such works.—I am &c.

L. D. MACGEORGE,
County Engineer.

Clyde, December 16.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, December 14.

It has transpired that at a Cabinet Council held yesterday it was decided by Ministers that, unless the state of Ireland has decidedly improved by the time Parliament reassembles on the 6th prox., a bill will be immediately introduced to suspend the Habeas Corpus Act. It was, moreover, decided under such circumstances to also propose measures for the remedy of the grievances of the Irish people.

In consequence of the increasing necessity for further reinforcements in the disturbed districts in Ireland, two more regiments have been ordered across the Channel, and will be despatched without delay.

The Great Powers have decided to postpone for the present the consideration of the Porte's circular note, inviting mediation in regard to the Greek frontier question.

WASHINGTON, December 14.

Both Houses of the United States Congress have passed resolutions expressing sympathy with the Irish tenants in their efforts to obtain the redress of their grievances.

CALCUTTA, December 14.

The latest telegrams from Allahabad report that the Marquis of Ripon is now improving.

LONDON, December 15.

The intimidation of landlords in Ireland by the evicted tenants and Leaguers continues without abatement, and fresh forms of outrage are heard of almost daily, especially against the landlords, who have been ostracised by the people of their districts.

The latest form of intimidation by the Leaguers is the prevention of the export of cattle by the landlords against whom they have a spite; and several cases in which cattle intended for export have been prevented from leaving the farms are reported.

The Judges of the Irish Supreme Court have received letters threatening them with murder if they convict the Land Leaguers at their approaching trial for conspiracy.

Professor Fawcett, Postmaster-general, has now under consideration a project for the institution of a parcel post between England and the Colonies.

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Turkey has issued a circular note invoking the Great Powers to urge Greece to abandon her armament and negotiate instead.

The *Times*, in a leading article, announces that England is willing to join the Great Powers for the purpose of settling the Greek question if France agrees.

Mr T. M. Healy, who accompanied Mr Parnell on his American tour, and Mr J. W. Walsh, one of the prominent Leaguers who were committed for intimidating a farmer named Manning, and were recently brought up for trial, have now been acquitted of the charge brought against them.

December 17.

Notwithstanding the large additions which have recently been made to the forces in Ireland, the Imperial authorities in that country have asked for further reinforcements in the disturbed districts. Accordingly, more troops are to be despatched to Ireland without delay.

The sum of £10,000 has been subscribed for the defence of Mr Parnell and the other Land Leaguers to be tried in Dublin.

All arrangements in connection with the Australian Cricketers have now been completed. Leave has been granted to the two doubtful players, and the team have definitely decided to sail on Tuesday, January 11th, instead of the 4th as originally proposed. It is probable the Dunedin match will be played on January 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

In recording the funeral of the late Dr Feltham, who was buried with Masonic honors, the *Western Star* says that universal regret was felt at the sudden termination of what might have proved a long and useful career. Deceased was only 33 years of age, he was most skilful in his profession, a genial companion, a thorough gentleman, and but for the one blot that marred his character, would have been socially and professionally an acquisition to the town and district. He was unmarried and had no relations in the colony.

At last week's meeting of the Land Board, in regard to the adjourned application of R. Findly on behalf of the Alexandra Presbyterian Church to purchase 50 acres of the commonage reserve near the town, the Chairman explained that the block in question had been reserved by the Provincial Government "for the purposes of sale" merely, and not specially as a commonage. It could therefore be dealt with. It was decided to inform the applicants that upon depositing survey fees the portion applied for would be surveyed and offered at auction.—Mr Pritchard, mayor of Arrowtown, waited upon the Board to urge that the sections in Arrowtown extension should be sold at half the price at which they were formerly offered. He explained that the Corporation had expended money in roadmaking in that part of the town, and wished to see the land sold, in order that it might be rated, but that at £20 and £15 per acre there would be little likelihood of its being taken up.—The Board declined to reduce the upset price, but agreed to offer the sections at former prices at an early date.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

The manufacture of clay pipes is the latest local industry in Dunedin.

Mr Justice Williams has obtained leave of absence, and will probably leave for England in March.

Four thousand persons in Auckland are liable to the Property Tax by possessing property above £500 in value.

Sir Francis Dillon Bell, the new Agent-General, was a passenger to Melbourne on Thursday by the Te Anau, on his way to England.

According to Melbourne telegrams the New Zealand entries for the Victorian wool show are very meagre, there being only 23 altogether.

Three public clocks are being maintained in Dunedin at the expense of the City Council—the Colonial Bank, the Town Hall, and the Hospital clocks.

So great has been the increase of wool-growers in Victoria that, whilst a few years ago there registered sheep brands only amounted to 900, they now exceed 1,200.

Three camels, which belonged to Bourke and Wills' expedition in 1860-61, have been captured near Wilcannia, on Darling River, in the north-west of New South Wales.

An Irishman at Wahgunyah, New South Wales, lately did the astonishing feat of leaping a horse over a team of bullocks while in motion. Hennessy's "three star" was the spur used.

It is stated that Warepa, the Native committed for trial for murdering his wife at the Chatham Islands, belonged to the same tribe as the condemned Native Tuhi, and is also related to him.

Owing to leave of absence granted to Judge Williams, Judge Gillies takes the Otago circuit, and Judge Richmond returns to Auckland to transact the judicial business till Mr Justice Gillies returns.

A fatal boat accident occurred at Westport last week. A prospecting party of three were going up Macaulay's Creek, when the canoe upset, and Samuel Perkins and Alexander Waddell were drowned.

When Mr McCulloch, R.M., was told the other day that there are ten public-houses in the small town of Riverton he exclaimed, "It's awful." Mr McCulloch should visit the goldfields to have his sensibilities properly shocked.

In the course of the last fifteen years the New South Wales Parliament has voted £51,500 for the construction of public tanks and wells along several of the great travelling routes by which stock is driven to market.

Messrs Thornton and Brown, the surveyors selected to make the preliminary inspection for the railway from Canterbury to the West Coast have discovered a good route. No tunnelling will be required, and their success has been far greater than could have been anticipated.

A statement appears in the Melbourne Herald of December 3rd to the effect that Ned Kelly was married immediately prior to the police murders. The woman is now an inmate of the hospital at Melbourne, suffering from the effects of a snake bite, and is described as a woman of good looks and modest demeanor. The story has every appearance of truth.

As the new Act to regulate the branding of stock and registration of brands used for that purpose comes into force on January 1st, the Government have decided to appoint all sheep inspectors throughout the Colony to be also registrars of brands, the branding districts to be coterminous with the respective sheep districts. The chief inspectors of sheep will be also chief registrars of brands under the Act for their several districts.

There is not the slightest doubt but that had Hanlan insisted on having a £1,200 stake in his match with Laycock it would have been forthcoming. Messrs J. G. Francis, W. J. Clarke, J. Clarke, W. Forrester, and J. R. Smith subscribed £25 each; Joe Thompson raised nearly £200 in Victoria; Sydney subscribed £351, and Adelaide and Brisbane were prepared with substantial donations. It has since been cabled to the colonies that the colonial subscriptions are not required to make up the stake.

A fatal accident happened on the Wingatui section of the Otago Central railway on Friday morning. Two men, a European (named Luks) and a Chinaman, were engaged blasting, and had started early in order to get it done before the other men came to work. Either the men waited longer than they should have done, or the blast went off accidentally, for they were both knocked down with stones from the blast. When Dr Blair arrived the European was alive, but there was no prospect of his recovery, and he died while being carried across the plain to Mosget. The Chinaman was taken to Dunedin hospital.

The Lyttelton Times is responsible for the following:—Mr Andrew Maginnity, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the Telegraph Department, has been appointed officer in charge at White's Bay at a salary of £150 per annum. The resignation of the late Secretary to the Telegraph Department was required, it appears, not because of lapses of official duty or incompetence, but because he was seriously involved in a social escapade affecting the positions of the lady telegraphists employed in the Wellington office. It was a question of Mr Maginnity's resignation, or of the ladies resigning in a body. As an officer of the Department, Mr Maginnity has always won golden opinions from the public and from his superiors, and many will regret that what we will not name by a harder term than a grave indiscretion should have interrupted a promising career in the public service of the Colony.

THE CONDITION OF IRELAND.

The following telegrams have appeared in late Melbourne papers:—

Much uneasiness prevails in the southern districts of Ireland, and it is feared that an organised outbreak may at any moment occur. The authorities have been informed that an enormous quantity of arms has recently been purchased. Active measures of precaution have been taken, and the local garrisons have been considerably augmented in order to be prepared for any emergency.

The greatest excitement prevails in the city of Waterford, and throughout the country a most bitterly hostile feeling is manifested against the landlords, and the police and military are subjected to insult by the people.

A disturbance arose at Ballincallig, a town on the River Bridge, five miles west of Cork. The dragoons stationed there to protect the Artillery barracks and gunpowder mills were called out, and in attempting to suppress the outbreak one of the dragoons was shot.

Mr Parnell paid a visit to Waterford, and received a most enthusiastic demonstration. The city was en fête in his honor. He addressed a large assemblage of people, referring to the criminal prosecution instituted against him by the Crown. There was a scene of great excitement.

Owing to the excitement in the district where the late Lord Mountmorris was assassinated, his household effects were removed to Tuam House, guarded by the police.

The Irish authorities have demanded further reinforcements, and the Coldstream Guards have been despatched to Ireland. They were the recipients of a great demonstration on leaving London.

In the event of Mr Parnell or any of the Irish members who are being prosecuted for sedition attempting to attend Parliament and ignore their trial, they will be arrested in the lobby.

In consequence of the increasing agitation in Ireland, the Government have resolved to have recourse to more strenuous measures for preserving the peace than have hitherto been adopted. With this object they are now prohibiting the holding of meetings in connection with the Land League which are considered likely to lead to disturbances. At a meeting of this kind projected to be held at Brookborough, near Enniskillen, the local authorities interfered, and they prohibited the meeting. Large numbers of the disaffected then assembled in the streets of the town, and were summoned to disperse. They refused to do so, and as there were on the spot a strong body of police, which had been enforced by the military, the Riot Act was read. The crowd, however, still refused to separate, and exhibited a threatening demeanor. The constables and dragoons then charged the people, whom they speedily and completely dispersed. A number of arrests were made.

The bitterness of feeling in Ireland over the land question is being intensified by sectarian animosities. The Orange Societies throughout the country are organising movements in opposition to the designs of the Land Leaguers, and the hostility between the two parties is daily increasing. It is feared that a serious collision will take place, and the authorities are accordingly making extensive preparations for quelling the disturbance.

News of a very interesting character reaches the London society papers from Jersey concerning Mrs Langtry. It is said that an event is expected to occur in her household shortly which will bring great joy to her thousands of admirers. Mrs Langtry returned to Jersey some months since.

It is understood that the Government have decided to withdraw the British troops at present stationed at Candahar under General Hume. The complete evacuation of the country will be gradual, but immediate steps will be taken to give effect to the proposal of the Cabinet.

We read frequently of the drowning of good swimmers, who suddenly sink in the water without any apparent cause. The common explanation of such an accident is that the swimmer is seized with cramps; but an English naval officer offers a different solution of the phenomenon. He bases his theory on his own experience. His ship was lying for a long time off Aden Harbor, and it was the practice for cricketing parties to swim from the vessel to the shore every evening, having their clothes sent in a small boat. Of course there was a race to see who would get to the beach first. The writer, in the course of a sharp struggle for the lead, opened his mouth to breathe, and some of the spray flying in the wind got into his throat and took the passage down the trachea. "I could neither," he says, "get any breath in nor any out, and I soon began to feel I was dying on the top of the water. There must have been a dozen men close to me, but I could not speak, much less call to them. I kept swimming on for the shore. In about 30 seconds my senses began to leave me. I ceased swimming, and my legs went down, when luckily for me they touched the bottom; a violent jump helped me to cough up the drop of water. I staggered on shore and fell quite exhausted on the beach, much to the surprise of all the men with me." It is the opinion of this gentleman that many fatal accidents to swimmers are due simply to a drop of water in the windpipe. A conclusive proof that they are not due to cramps is the fact that a man rescued within two minutes of sinking in this mysterious manner is always found to be beyond all hope of resuscitation.—Exchange.

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PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY: TUESDAY.

To start at 1.30 p.m. punctually.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP, of 30 sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nominations, 21s; acceptances, 21s.

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SELLING STAKES, of 15 sovs. Distance, three-quarters of a mile heats. No weight less than 9st. Entrance, 25s. Winner to be sold for 15 sovs. Surplus, if any, to go to the Race Fund.

SECOND DAY: WEDNESDAY.

To start at 1.30 p.m. punctually.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 20 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over 10 sovs. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a-half. Entrance, 30s.

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COUNTY PLATE, of 30 sovs. Entrance 42s. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a-half. The winner to be sold (with his engagements) by public auction immediately after the race, and any surplus to go to the Race Fund. Winner to be sold for £50. If entered to be sold for £40, allowed 14lbs; for £30 allowed 28lbs; for £20 allowed 42lbs; for £10, allowed 56lbs.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, of 15 sovs. For all beaten horses. Entrance, 20s. Distance, one mile.

Balance of sweep (£3) in the Cromwell Derby must be made good on night of general entry—Friday, 24th December.

Nominations for the Grand Stand and Flying Handicaps to be received by the Secretary not later than 8 p.m. on Friday, the 10th December. Weights to be declared in THE CROMWELL ARGUS of the 14th.

Acceptances to be sent in on or before the night of general entry—Friday, 24th December. Nominations for the Jockey Club Handicap to be made on night of general entry—Friday, 24th December; weights to be declared on the evening of Tuesday, 28th December; acceptances to be sent in not later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 29th.

General entries will be received up till 8 p.m. on Friday, 24th December.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Mares will be allowed 5lbs, and geldings 3lbs.

No entries to be received for any of the above races except on this condition: That all disputes, claims and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint. Their decision upon all points connected with the carrying out of the programme shall be final.

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Entries will be received by the Secretary before 8 p.m. on Friday, 24th December, entrance-money enclosed, with name, age and pedigree (if any) of the horse, name of the owner, and colors of the rider.

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Bonnor, George, Warwick, a native of New South Wales; height, 6ft 4in.—The lion hitter and thrower, and a generally reliable man in all departments of the game.

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Boyle, Henry, E.M.C.C., a native of Sydney, but learnt the game in Victoria; 31 years of age; height, 6ft 1in.—An elegant bat, with fine commanding style; bowls medium-pace ball with great spin; a grand field anywhere, and an excellent judge of the game.

Groube, T., E.M.C.C., native of Melbourne; height, 5ft 9in.—A fine bat of the stonewall order, with great defence, and considered one of the hardest men to dispose of in Victoria; fine fast bowler and field.

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M'Donald, Percy, M.C.C., native of Richmond; age, 21.—A model for all young players; a splendid bat, with extraordinary power of timing and placing the ball; invariably scores; good bowler, and capital field at slip.

Moule, M., Bohemians.—Although not quite in first rank, a fine bat, bowler and field, and would not be out of place anywhere.

Murdoch, William, Alberts, native of Sandhurst, Victoria; height, 5ft 10in; age, 26 years.—The captain and hero of the Australian tour in England; splendid bat, with most finished style, and best wicket-keeper in Sydney. His score of 153, not out, against All England will never be forgotten.

Palmer, George, S.M.C.C., native of Victoria.—At present time the best bowler in Victoria; medium pace, inclined to fast, a la Garrett, with wonderful break; very difficult to any batsman, and at times unplayable; fair bat and brilliant field.

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Spofforth, F., native of Sydney; height, 6ft 3in.—Last, but no means least, being celebrated all over the world as the "demon bowler," and one who has caused more surprises in cricketing circles than anyone yet heard of. A capital bat and field.

AN ENGLISH OPINION OF THE TEAM.

The *Pall Mall Budget* of October 8th says:—The tour of the Australian cricketers, which has carried the cricket season into the days of mists and frosts, but which has been at length concluded, marks an epoch in the history of the national game. Before their visits to this country, every Englishman who could be called a judge of cricket believed that a picked eleven of English players were superior to any eighteen selected from the rest of the world. This belief has been greatly disturbed by the experience of the past two seasons, and especially of the last few weeks. During the month of September the Australians, without their best bowler, beat the professionals of England—an eleven, it is true, selected without much discrimination, but possessing at any rate, very great bowling strength; routed Scotland, although her best players were assisted by two excellent English cricketers; and left unfinished a match against the professionals of the North, having there also acquitted themselves with much credit. Nottingham, the champion county, succeeded in defeating the colonists by one wicket—not a crushing victory in itself, but made of even less account by the fact that the county was only opposed by ten colonists. The most remarkable feat remains untold; for still unsupported by Spofforth, the Australians made a most gallant fight with a picked eleven of England, though they were ultimately defeated by five wickets. There is no doubt that on the occasion last referred to the colonists played rather above their form; but it must be remembered that by the substitution of C. Bannerman, Evans, Spofforth, and Horan for the four least good of the present Australian team their strength would be materially increased. Candid men will, in fact, admit that in an international match in which Australia was represented by Murdoch, the two Bannermans, Spofforth, M'Donnell, Horan, Palmer, Blackham, Boyle, Alexander, and Evans, prudence would not suffer odds of more than 6 to 4 to be laid on the English side. Many reasons have been brought forward to account for the attainment of such excellence by Australian cricketers in so short a time. The habit of playing

constantly together, the dry climate of their native land, their great attention to bowling, their youth, and their temperate habits, have been often remarked upon, but one fact concerning them has been overlooked which has contributed more than anything else to their success. The colonists insist that their representatives should be "all round" men, and that proficiency in only one branch in the game shall not entitle any man to distinction. In the picked eleven which represented England against Australia two players contributed nothing to the collective strength except their bowling. On the other side the man who went in last batted as well as those who went in third or fourth. Putting aside Murdoch and M'Donnell the remaining nine colonists were in batting power as even as possible. It cannot be said that this batting approaches that of the best Englishmen; still it combines good "back play" with strong though rather rude hitting. All are good fieldsmen who can stoop and throw hard. There yet remains to be noticed their strong point—bowling. This has been unduly praised. Spofforth, indeed, is a grand bowler; but Palmer, though he sends down now and then a very difficult ball, is far too irregular in pitch and direction to be put in the first rank; while, Boyle, though steady and thoroughly to be relied on up to a certain point, never passes the standard of high mediocrity. It is, not, then, to pre-eminent excellence in any one department of cricket that the Australians owe their well-deserved reputation; it is to their uniform proficiency in all. In a word, their ship carried no passengers and was on the whole most ably steered.

THE TE AROHA GOLDFIELD.

GRAHAMSTOWN, December 14.

Warden Kenrick's first report on the Te Aroha goldfield, after stating the circumstances of the opening, says the arrangement previously made enabled him to decide upon the ground at once the question re pegging out. On the first day he found that about 60 men's ground was disputed by 300 men, all having equal rights; but both time and patience, with the good sense of the disputants, enabled him to settle the disputes out of court. Twenty Natives took out miners' rights the day of the opening, and others were at first dissatisfied. Arrangements for re-opening the same were voluntarily signed and agreed to. With respect to the prospects of the field, the Warden says: "My opinion, formed on an examination made by myself and Mr Wilson, underviewer of mines at the Thames, of some 30 claims, is that a permanent goldfield has been opened that will prove to be of very large extent and not confined within its present boundaries. I have spoken to more than 80 miners, and all coincide with me in thinking the indications most promising. One reef is situated about two and a half miles north of the prospectors, and Dixon's about the same distance south. I have taken advantage of the new regulation to refuse protection, thus compelling the claims to be fully manned and worked. Some dissatisfaction existed at first, but the advantages were apparent in having the claims proved before calling on the outside public to invest money, the difference being between speculation and bona fide work. The leaders in the prospectors' claim continue to show well, and widened to 22 inches in solid ground. The township there laid off is on a piece of ground owned by a Native chief, which is well situated, as being accessible by river and road. In conclusion, I again express the opinion I have formed, that in the Te Aroha district we have a valuable permanent goldfield, but one that requires time, money, and a good deal of prospecting for its development. The discoveries already made should justify all three being brought before the district. The danger to be guarded against is over-speculation. With bona fide work the future of the district is assured. I can only trust that in future reports I may be able to endorse, from actual results, the favorable opinion I hold. I would now point out the necessity of warning men thinking of coming to the district that there is but little demand at present for labor—that it requires both time and money to develop even town discoveries, and at present there appears no prospect of an alluvial field being found.—(Signed) Henry Kenrick, Warden. To the Hon. Minister of Justice, Wellington."

Dr J. H. Hill writes to the *Argus* stating that on a station at St. George, Queensland, there live an aboriginal man and woman, brother and sister, entirely devoid of hair on their heads, faces, and every part of their bodies. It is also said that there is a tribe of hairless blocks living about 500 miles west of Brisbane.

The will of the late Mr Gibson, of Ravenstonedale has been proved in the Carlisle Court under £250,000 personalty. This is the conclusion of a story that might readily be woven into a romance. Five brothers of the name of Gibson were born at the end of the last century and the beginning of the present in one of the little dales in Westmoreland, and the last of the five has recently died. One succeeded to the small family estate, two entered the Church and one became a manufacturer at Kendal, the fifth dying comparatively early. All were careful men, each remained unmarried, and each bequeathed to the surviving brothers his wealth. The result is seen in the proving the will of the last of the Ravenstonedale Gibsons in Carlisle Court a few days ago.



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BURNING OF A LUNATIC ASYLUM.

CHICAGO, November 16.

The *Tribune's* St. Peter's special says: "At half-past eight o'clock this evening it was announced that the Insane Asylum was on fire. Everybody was appalled at the prospect of over 500 patients being turned out of doors on such a terrible night; still more at the disagreeable prospect of going more than a mile across a bleak prairie and facing a cutting wind. The sky in the direction of the hospital was lighted up, and a dense volume of smoke rose over the scene and was carried across the river. The probabilities were that the whole structure, containing half a million dollars' worth of property, would be destroyed. The scene of the conflagration was simply grand. The whole north wing of the structure was one sheet of flame. It was soon found that the fire was likely to prove serious. Dr Bartlett, the superintendent, gave orders to have all the patients released and cared for as well as possible, but before the fire was discovered one or two of the halls had become choked with smoke, and it was impossible to relieve all the patients. A number of them must have been burned alive. Some say 50 people perished. The fire originated in the north-west corner of the basement of the north wing. The origin of the fire is a mystery." A later telegram from St. Paul (Minn.) says:—"Only one wing of the building was destroyed. The whole structure, which was 10 years in course of erection, was only finished three years ago. It cost over half a million of dollars. The reports as to the loss of life are indefinite and conflicting." The following additional news regarding the fire came to hand on the 17th:—"While the flames were slowly progressing the matron of the female department made all haste to get the inmates out, and many of them ran shrieking in their night-clothes in the snow-drifts—even burying themselves in the snow. They had to be dragged into barns and sheds, where those near by wrapped them in blankets and shawls. Intense suffering could not, however, be avoided, as they had to be taken about 15 or 20 rods through the snow. Numbers are burned, and cannot be got at any way at the present time. Many are known to have wandered away in the intense excitement that prevailed. Several persons were got out into the halls, but they would return to the flames. One room, occupied by two men, was broken into and one patient was dragged out, but the other was determined to return to his warm bed, and, when dragged out, insisted on waiting to be dressed. At some windows there were to be seen three or four men begging to be saved from death, while the flames were bursting from the adjoining windows. One was dragged through a half-open screen, and was badly mangled. To get a complete list of the killed and hurt is not now among the possibilities. Dr Bartlett, of the Asylum, says there are not more than 12 lives lost, and probably as many more hurt and suffering from the bitter cold last night. Indeed, more people are believed to be hurt than dying from their burns. Others say that as many as 20 insane people either perished in the flames or died of cold. Even during the night so many patients disappeared that it cannot now be told where dead and who ran away suffering. Hundreds of the patients are as helpless as children. The real damage to the hospital building will amount to 2,000,000 dol. The central buildings and south wing are preserved."

A telegram, dated the 17th, to the *Bulletin*, from St. Peter's says the number of lives lost by the burning and freezing is variously estimated from 20 to 25. In the annexe wing for males many of the patients refused to leave the building. They went up and down the halls screaming and crying and acting like Bedlamites. They were those who could not be coaxed nor forced out of the building, and they became the unhappy victims of the flames. Others were saved—some by ladders and some by leaping from the windows. Some were nearly nude; others shoeless and hatless; and all were exposed to the excessively cold night. Many poor demented and crazed inmates fled as if for their lives, and could not be overtaken nor confined. Their sufferings in this frightful condition can be better imagined than described. The whole catastrophe is fearful to contemplate. It is impossible to describe the scene. Inmates who escaped the flames were at large, half-clothed, and were to be seen in all directions flying in wild fright from those who attempted to save them. The air was bitterly cold, and the poor wretches with half-naked bodies and bleeding feet were flying about hiding in alleys and dark corners.

FALL OF A METEORIC STONE.

Mr W. Emerson Mead, of New York, owns a place called Lakeside Cottage, on the west bank of Schroon Lake, at which a friend has been staying during the summer. From this gentleman Mr Mead has just received a letter telling of the fall of a remarkable meteoric stone on the night of September 22nd, close beside the cottage. The letter is dated 23rd instant, and the writer thus describes the fall of the stone:—"Last night I sat here alone writing to a relative. The children were all abed. My sister (who is keeping house for me during the absence of my wife) had just gone upstairs for the night. I sat at the table in the kitchen. It was dark out, and the clouds were black and heavy. You could not see your hand before you. All at once it became as light as noonday. I jumped to the window, and I could see the barn as plainly as in the day. I had not time to draw breath when the house trembled from cellar to garret. Out I went on the double quick; down came my sister frightened almost out of her senses. When we got out of doors there lay a red-hot substance about 20 feet from the house. I threw kerosene on it, and it blazed up. I threw sulphur on it and that burned readily. You may be sure I was astonished. I sat up all night watching for more, but saw nothing else. When daylight came my sister and I went out to make an inspection. There lay a clear white rock, weighing about 125lb. It had indented the ground about six inches. As it lay I should say it came from the north-east. There were a number of people here to day to see it. One man offered me 25 dol. for it. I told him it was no object, for I did not expect any more of the same right away. It was a great thing."

Mr Mead has written to his tenant ordering him on no account to allow the stone to be removed, but to build a small house over it for its preservation where it lies. —*New York Herald.*

SUPERHUMAN STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

Four young men left Ottawa recently for the Chats Lake on a fishing excursion. They went to the residence of Mr Leeder, an Englishman, who for some years has carried on business in that village, and who owned a boat which they wanted to borrow. Mr Leeder not only acceded to their request, but volunteered to go with them and show the best places for sport. The young men naturally jumped at the proposal, and the party started. For a time all went well, until by imperceptible degrees the boat got within the circle of the eddy or whirlpool at the foot of the falls, and was capsized. Of course her occupants were thrown into the water. The young men managed to get on to some logs, and scramble over them until they reached a point from which they could swim ashore, which after an almost superhuman struggle they succeeded in doing, being under the impression that Mr Leeder, whom they had seen grasp a log, was following them. It was not so, however, for, on looking back, they to their horror, saw the unfortunate gentleman hanging on for dear life to a loose plank, and going round and round the vortex of the eddy. It was a terrible sight, but they were not long in summoning assistance, and soon a large boat, manned by six strong men put off to his succour. They approached as close to the eddy as was consistent with their own safety, and "hove" the drowning man a line, but the latter was too light, and he failed to catch. For three-quarters of an hour did Mr Leeder go racing round that deadly whirlpool, until at last thoroughly exhausted, he was fain to let go his hold, and was swallowed up—the only sign of his having been there being the log—which still maintained its career. A search for the body was immediately commenced, but no tidings of its recovery have as yet been received. Mrs Leeder was in this city at the time of the accident, and was immediately sent for, and the painful news broken to her on her arrival at home.

The capital of the Panama Canal Company will be 300,000,000fr; divided into 600,000 shares of 500fr each, 10,000 shares being reserved by statute for the original Company, the concession contributed by that Company. M. De Lesseps states that the contractors have sent in their estimates, according to which the construction of the canal will not cost 500,000,000fr. It is provided by a memo. signed on July 7th that a special American committee, sitting in New York, shall represent the interests of the Company in the United States. All that relates to the observance of the neutrality of the canal is settled by the law of concession of the Republic of Colombia.

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